

Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITY IN NEW SOUTH WALES EDUCATIONAL
SETTINGS**

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1. That Portfolio Committee No. 3 – Education inquire into and report on current levels of access and attainment for children and young people with disability in New South Wales educational settings, and in particular:

(a) the experiences of children and young people within educational settings.

My name is _____ and I am _____ years old and I am neurodivergent, my older siblings helped me to write this submission.

My local public school did not support me because I have a disability.

They stole my funding that was meant for me and gave it to someone else who was more disruptive in class.

I am Autistic and girls often mask so their disability is hidden as they just want to fit in with their peers.

At school I would mask and the Principal kept telling my mum and my therapists that I didn't need any help at school despite all the medical information and recommendations made by my therapist relating to simple reasonable adjustments I required that did not cause the school any unjustifiable hardship.

At the time my older sibling was in Yr 12 and they had to leave home to study. Given I was not supported with any reasonable adjustments at my mainstream public school.

I would come home from school and have a mega meltdown as home was my safe place. My parents spoke with the school begging for learning support for me and the Principal told them at school they didn't see these meltdowns that we saw at home.

There was a very scary incident at school where the Principal pulled me in front of other students.

It was mean I cried and it hurt and I went home and told my parents and that's why I home school now as my school didn't keep me safe.

I hope this inquiry and its recommendations made will be taken up on full by the NSW

Government so that kids like me living with a disability never have to suffer the trauma and not be kept safe at school.